(b) the impact of the programme on literacy rate;

(c) to what extent school dropouts reduced after its implementation; and

(d) whether there are any plan for extension of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan programme to secondary schools, and if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALIASHRAF FATMI): (a) Central Assistance released to Karnataka for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan during last 3 years is given below:

(Rs. in iakhs)

Year	Central Assistance Released
2001-02	2804.05
2002-03	8270.46
2003-04	10426.67

(b) Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan aims at Universalization of Elementary Education among children of 6-14 year age group, and not at improvement of adult literacy rate.

(c) Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan was launched in the year 2001-02. Dropout rate at Elementary Stage in Karnataka, which was 51 % in 2001-02, declined to 48.5% in 2002-03.

(d) No, Sir.

Bill on sexual harassment of women at workplace

370. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether in pursuance of the Supreme Courts directives, the National Commission for Women had submitted a draft of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Redressai and Prevention) Bill, 2004;

(b) if so, whether his Ministry has since obtained suggestions and comments from the interested public/NGOs and whether the volume of response was overwhelming; and

(c) by when Government are likely to introduce the final Bill in Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No time-frame can be stipulated in this regard at this stage.

Guidelines for nursery schools

371. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the guidelines if any, for establishing a nursery school;

(b) whether there is a large scale mushrooming of nursery schools in various cities and towns;

(c) whether for want of a monitoring agency, these collect heavy fees from the parents; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to set up a mechanism to monitor establishment and activities of such nursery schools in various parts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALIASHRAF FATMI): (a) The National Policy on Education,' 1986, as modified in 1992, while recognizing the holistic nature of the child development *viz.* nutrition, health and social, mental, physical, moral and emotional development, stipulates that Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) will receive high priority and be suitably integrated with the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme, wherever possible.

(b) to (d) The implementation of ECCE facilities is carried out by the State Governments/Union Territories.

Opening of Kendriya Vidyalayas

†372. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NDA Government had opened 95 Kendriya Vidyalayas by flouting the rules;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.